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### REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction to one of four inventions:

Group I (Claims 1-13), drawn to a method of removing thromboembolic material from a carotid or cerebral artery, classified in class 604, subclass 507;

Group II (Claims 14-20), drawn to an intracranial aspiration catheter with a distal and proximal end, an aspiration lumen, a support and a control, classified in class 604, subclass 528;

Group III (Claims 21-31), drawn to a method of establishing a flow path through a catheter, classified in class 604, subclass 540; and

Group IV (Claims 32-36), drawn to an intracranial aspiration catheter with a distal and proximal end, an aspiration lumen, and an axially moveable support, classified in class 604, subclass 526.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims directed to Group II, classified in Class 604, Subclass 528, in the present application. Please cancel Group I, III & IV (Claims 1 through 13 and Claims 21 through 36). Applicant reserves the right to pursue the nonelected claims in one or more continuing applications. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits of Claims 14 through 20 is respectfully requested.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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